

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following claim listing is to replace all prior listings of the claims.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended): [[A]] An isolated gene coding for a protein having activity of transferring a sugar to the chalcone 4'-position, wherein the protein having activity of transferring a sugar to the chalcone 4'-position has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claims 2-5. (Canceled).

Claim 6. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The gene according to claim 1, which is derived from the family *Scrophulariaceae*.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The gene according to claim 6, which is derived from *Antirrhinum majus* or *Linaria bipartita*.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended): A vector comprising [[a]] the gene according to claim 1.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended): ~~Host cells~~ An isolated host cell transformed by [[a]] the vector according to claim 8.

Claims 10-11. (Canceled).

Claim 12. (Currently Amended): A plant having [[a]] the gene according to claim 1 introduced therein or a progeny of said plant having the same properties as said plant, wherein the progeny comprises the gene according to claim 1, or a vegetatively propagated plant or tissue

from ~~[[such a]]~~ the plant or plant progeny.

Claim 13. (Currently Amended): Flowers cut from ~~[[a]]~~ the plant or plant progeny according to claim 12.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended): A method for transferring a sugar to the chalcone 4'-position ~~[[using]]~~ comprising expressing ~~[[a]]~~ the gene according to claim 1.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended): A plant having modified flower color obtained by introducing and expressing ~~[[a]]~~ the gene according to claim 1 into a plant, or a progeny of said plant having the same properties as said plant, wherein the plant progeny comprises the gene according to claim 1.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The plant or plant progeny according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the flower color has a yellow tint.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended): A method ~~[[of]]~~ for altering flower color to yellow in a plant comprising introducing and expressing ~~[[a]]~~ the gene according to claim 1 together with a gene coding for *Antirrhinum majus* aureusidin synthase in a plant to alter the flower color to yellow.

Claims 18-20. (Canceled).